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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-12 and 15-25 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 7, 12, 17, 24 and 25 have been amended as shown at pp. 2-3 of the Reply. In addition, claims 5, 6, 15 and 16 have been cancelled herein.

The herein amendments to the claims are believed to place this application in condition for allowance. It is noted that applicants' representative does not agree with the rejections of the subject claims in view of the deficiencies of the cited art, and intends to pursue original versions of these claims in a continuation application.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 12, 15, and 22-25 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 5, 12, 15 and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Te'eni *et al.* (US 6,725,452).

Independent claims 1, 16, 24 and 25 have been amended herein to respectively recite limitations of allowable claims 6 or 16. Accordingly, these claims as well as any claims that depend there from are in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Objection to Claims 6-11 and 16-21

Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 6-11 and 16-21 would be allowed if recast into independent form to recite all limitations of respective base claims and any intervening claims. The limitations of claims 6 and 16 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 12 respectively. Accordingly, dependent claims 7-11 and 17-21 are in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion


The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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